Government to contain the prices of vegetable oils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The total production of vegetable oils has been estimated at 64 lakh metric tonnes during 1994-95 which is the highest ever level of production of edible oil. The target fixed for 1995-96 is 65 lakh metric tonnes based on the production target of oilseeds at 225 lakh tonnes.

The seasonal gap between demand and supply of edible oils in the country as well as the play of market forces result in the fluctuations of prices of edible oils.

(c) In order to stabilise the prices of edible oil, the Government has taken the following steps:—

(i) reduction in the customs duty on imports of edible oils under OGL to 30%

(ii) STC has been authorised to import 1.5 lakh tonnes of Palmolein for PDS supply at 20% duty.

(iii) NDDB has been allowed to import 1.5 lakh tonnes of edible oils at 20% duty.

(iv) To improve the indigenous production of oilseeds Oilseeds Production Programme has been in operation to augment the production of oilseeds for which assistance is being provided to the farmers on various inputs.

(v) To provide better incentives to farmers through fixation of higher minimum support prices of oilseeds.

लौह अयस्क के उत्पादन के लिये संयुक्त उद्यम

637. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में लौह अयस्क के उत्पादन के लिये पश्चिमी बंगाल, उड़ीसा, मध्य प्रदेश, बिहार और गुजरात में संयुक्त उद्यम स्थापित करने हेतु वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान कितने आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) 31 मार्च, 1995 तक संयुक्त उद्यम स्थापित करने संबंधी जिन प्रस्तावों की स्वीकृति दी गई है, उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) कितनी कम्पनियों के आवेदन अभी भी सरकार के विचाराधीन हैं?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Involvement of Panchayats and Nagar Palikas in Promotion of Culture

638. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals that have been formulated to involve Panchayats and Nagar Palikas in the promotion of culture in the country;

(b) whether any allocation of funds has been made for the aforesaid purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Action to formulate a scheme to involve the local bodies in the cultural development at the grass-root level has recently been initiated.

Irregularities at Asiatic Society, Calcutta

639. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports of irregularities in the maintenance of accounts of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta;

(b) whether a committee of enquiry is proposed to be set up to probe the alleged irregularities and suggest remedial measures; and

(c) whether pending such enquiry Government would consider the suggestion for deputing an able Administrator to take charge of the Society's administrative affairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Prices of drug formulations

640. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when were the prices of Revital, Gramoneg, Gramogyl, Gramogyl-M, Sudinol Compund Tablets, Flagyl-F, Flagyl-DF, Eguagesic, Wygesic Syndupa, Benspar, Actifed, Actifed plus and Chlorpromazine formulations fixed by Government and what was the price fixed for each under DPCO, 1987 and 1995; and

(b) what are the names of the companies for whom these prices were fixed and when were these prices implemented and what are the prices at which the same are being marketed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

World Bank Assistance for Water Resources Consolidation Projects in Orissa

641. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the Water Resources Consolidation Project proposal for Orissa State which has been posed for World Bank Assistance;

(b) if so, the number of those projects and their estimated costs;

(c) the amount of World Bank assistance expected to be obtained for each of those projects; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing sub projects, component-wise included under the Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project and their estimated cost is enclosed (*see*-below),

(c) & (d) Out of the total cost of Rs. 1403.80 crores the expected World Bank credit is of the order of 194.8 million SDR (approximately 290.9 million US Dollar).

Statement

Sub-Projects included in Water Resources Consolidation Project, Orissa

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the Component	Estimated Cost	Remarks
I.	*Scheme Completion Component*		
1.	Rengali Irrigation (Part)	125.40	
2.	Naraj Barrage	117.00	
3.	Mahanadi Chitrotpala Island Irrigation Project	60.10	